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SUBJECT: CDC PERSONNEL FOR AFGHAN REFUGEE RELIEF PROGRAM

REF: A) STATE 144939; B) STATE 151827

1. WE HAVE BEGUN DISCUSSING CDC OFFER (REF A) WITH UNHCR, BUT CANNOT YET RESPOND DIRECTLY TO THE OFFER BECAUSE UNHCR REP KOHAUT IS OUT OF TOWN UNTIL JUNE 15. HOWEVER, IN LIGHT OF HOGANSON'S IMPENDING VISIT (REF B) WE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO LET THE ELCL DEPARTMENT KNOW WHERE WE STAND IN OUR EARLY THINKING ABOUT THE MATTER.

2. PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF UNHCR STAFF HAVE CENTERED ON THE DIFFICULTY IN HAVING FOREIGN PERSONNEL IN A MORE OR LESS OPERATIONAL MODE IN THE NWFP AND BALUCHISTAN. MARIE GRIFFIN'S CASE MAY HAVE BEEN SPECIAL SINCE IT OCCURRED SO EARLY INTO THE GOP PLANNING STAGE OF THE RELIEF EFFORT.

3. ONE IDEA WHICH WE ARE KICKING AROUND IS THAT THE CDC PEOPLE COULD BE SECONDED TO UNHCR FOR A THREE-MONTH PERIOD TO A) DO A HEALTH SURVEY OF THE CAMPS TO UPDATE DR. GRIFFIN'S REPORT AND B) TO EXAMINE THE SURVEILLANCE
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SYSTEM PROPOSED BY THE UNHCR AND MODIFY OR AUGMENT IT.

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THIS WOULD PRESUMABLY FACILITATE THEIR PROGRAM HERE. SINCE FOREIGN MEDICAL PERSONNEL WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO WORK IN THE REFUGEE AREAS, WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO IS COME UP WITH A WAY OF PROPOSING TO THE GOP THAT THESE TWO WOMEN COME OUT WITHOUT AROUSING THE OBSTRUCTIONIST INSTINCTS OF THE HEALTH MINISTRY.

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